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FM AMEMBASSY SUVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4145

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

AMCONSUL SYDNEY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT PFOR AS FJ

SUBJ: FIJI'S INVOLVEMENT IN CAIRNS AFFAIR

REF: SUVA 750 AND PREVIOUS

1. REVELATIONS OF PHILIP CAIRNS' PLANS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF FIJI CONTINUE TO DOMINATE FRONT PAGES OF LOCAL PRESS. ON JULY 11, TIMES CARRIED STORY (FROM MELBOURNE) OF CAIRNS' PLANS TO SET UP MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BEEF EXPORT BUSINESS, WITH ASSISTANCE OF VICTORIA CATTLE BREEDER DOUGLAS JENNINGS. ACCORDING TO JENNINGS, CAIRNS TOLD HIM GOF HAD 48 THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT. JENNINGS IS QUOTED AS SAYING "THROUGHOUT OUR MEETING, I WAS IN NO DOUBT THAT I WAS INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE DEAL BETWEEN THE FIJI AND AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS". CAIRNS IS QUOTED AS SAYING SCHEME WAS PURELY PRIVATE ONE FROM WHICH HE STOOD TO GAIN NOTHING, THAT IT HAS BEEN DONE OUT OF LOVE FOR FIJI, THAT GOF KNEW NOTHING OF IT, AND THAT HE IS DISTRESSED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

2. IN PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 10, PRIMIN STATED THAT ON JULY 9 GOF HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MOUSTAFA GALAL THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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LATTER WISHED TO FOLLOW UP EARLIER VISIT. PRIMIN SAID GOF

HAS NO OBJECTION TO HIS RETURNING BECAUSE THERE WAS "ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING" WRONG WITH FIRST VISIT EXCEPT THAT CAIRNS HAD LED
PEOPLE TO BELIEVE HE WAS REPRESENTING AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.
ASKED TO COMMENT ON STORY FROM SYDNEY THAT CAIRNS HAD ARRANGED
A LOAN FOR FIJI OF USDOLS 100 MILLION, PRIMIN SAID HE WAS
SORRY HE HAD NOT HEARD OF IT, OTHERWISE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
CHECKED OUT OFFICIALLY.
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